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TAKOMA PARK CITY COUNCIL STATEMENT REGARDING WASHINGTON ADVENTIST HOSPITAL RELOCATION ANNOUNCEMENT

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TAKOMA PARK, Md., September 27, 2005 -On September 22, 2005, the Board of Trustees for Adventist HealthCare, operators of the Washington Adventist Hospital, voted to move the hospital out of Takoma Park over the next six years. The Board voted on a strategic vision to provide additional services on a larger campus at a different site, while still maintaining a presence in the Takoma Park-Silver Spring area.

On September 27, 2005, the City Council issued the following statement: "We are disappointed to hear that the Washington Adventist Hospital Board of Trustees has announced management plans to relocate Washington Adventist Hospital outside Takoma Park. The Hospital has been a valuable institution in the city for many years, and we regret the potential loss of a long-standing community partner. Most importantly, we have a strong desire to ensure continued local access to health care for our residents.

"We are still learning the details of the hospital's plans, so it is difficult to judge the full impact of the move. The hospital is the City's largest employer and its 16 acre site is located in the heart of the community. We are heartened by the hospital's expressions of commitment to the community and we urge the hospital to consider the option of building a second campus nearby while maintaining operations at its present location."

Washington Adventist Hospital President Jere Stocks will appear before the Takoma Park City Council on Thursday, October 6, 2005 at 7:30 pm to discuss the announcement with the Council. The meeting will be televised on Takoma Park City TV (cable channel 13 in most of Montgomery County).

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